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## **MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN FEDERAL HATE CRIME**

INDIANAPOLIS – A federal judge today sentenced a Muncie man to serve 15 months in prison for his role in burning an eight-foot cross in front of a biracial family's home. KYLE SHROYER admitted at his guilty plea hearing on September 27, 2007, that he and another man conspired to violate the civil rights of a woman and her three biracial children by burning the cross at their home in Muncie, Indiana, in March 2006. At the hearing today, Judge John D. Tinder enhanced the defendant's sentence because the crime was racially motivated and because several of the victims were unusually vulnerable because of their age. Judge Tinder also imposed 3 years supervised release following SHROYER's term of imprisonment, and a fine of \$500.

Today's sentencing was announced by Grace Chung-Becker, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division; Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana; and Michael Welch, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Indianapolis office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This case was investigated by the Muncie Field Office of the FBI, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Christina McKee from the United States Attorney's Office and Trial Attorney Betsy Biffel from the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice.

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